

PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY

Sunday, July 23, 2006

Prelude - "Butterfly," Grieg - Aileen Nettleton, pianist

Welcome - Mike Briggs, President of Prairie

Opening Words - Mike Briggs, President of Prairie, and the congregation

Be ours a religion
Which like sunshine goes everywhere,
Its temple all space,
Its shrine the good heart,
Its creed all truth,
Its ritual works of love.
(Theodore Parker, 1810-1860)

*Hymn - Prairie Song Book #14 - "How Can I Keep From Singing!"

Chalice Lighting - Mike Briggs, President of Prairie

Silent Meditation (one minute)

Story for All Ages - Mike Briggs

Song as children go downstairs [to melody of # 400, "Shalom Havayreem,"]

Farewell, good friends... Farewell... Till we meet again...

Farewell...

(Sing each phrase twice.)

Joys and Concerns

*Hymn - #40 - "Will the Circle Be Unbroken?"

Presentation - "Renewal"

Speakers from three of the five South Central Wisconsin
Unitarian Universalist congregations

Discussion

Offertory - "Berceuse," Grieg - Aileen Nettleton, pianist

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

Prairie Announcements. Additional announcements are in your
order of service.

*Hymn - #107 - "The Spirit of This Church"

Closing Words

De noche iremos,
De noche que para encontrar la fuente,
Solo la sed nos alumbra,
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(Author unknown)

*Hymn - #15 - "This Little Light of Mine"

*Stand as you are able.

Welcome to our service! We are glad you are here. Mike Briggs,
President of Prairie, presided at today's service. Our accompanist
was Aileen Nettleton, a long-time member and frequent
accompanist. Mary Mullen, Program Committee Co-Chair,
coordinated this service.

Please stay after the service for a potluck lunch. Following that,
you can take part in a meeting of the Humanist Union of Madison,
or (weather permitting) take a brief tour of the land that Prairie
has bought for its new meeting house.

Announcements

Prairie Elders will meet on July 25, 2:00 p.m. at Oakwood West, on the topic “Making the Best of Major Transitions”.

All are welcome to Midweek Meal every Wednesday. Bring food to share and enjoy some company.

Book Club selection for August 6 will be *DESERT QUEEN: The Extraordinary Life of Gertrude Bell: Adventurer, Advisor to Kings, Ally of Lawrence of Arabia*, a biography by Janet Wallach. All are welcome to potluck lunch and discussion.

New directories are available. See Dan or Robin Proud.

Program survey is attached to the latest Prairie Fire. Please give the Program Committee your input on which services you especially enjoyed.

King Tut exhibit trip will take place on Saturday, September 30. Cost of \$67 includes bus to Chicago and admission. Contact Pat Watkins for details or to sign up.

Change lives and have fun! Be a Religious Education teacher in the upcoming school year. Speak to Rebecca Malke-Eligente or Rachel Long.

Your participation will be an important part of upcoming services. See the calendar on the next page for previews.

Calendar

Sunday, July 23

12:00 noon. Humanist Union potluck lunch followed by "A humanist's view of Kevin Phillips' American Theocracy" presented by Doleta Chapru.

Tuesday, July 25

5:00 a.m. Prairie helps serve breakfast at Men's Homeless Shelter
2:00 p.m. Prairie Elders meet at Oakwood West

Wednesday, July 26

6:30 p.m. Midweek Meal @ Prairie

Sunday, July 30

10:00 a.m. "Helping Clean Up New Orleans" presented by Tess Miller, college student who volunteered in the area.

Wednesday, August 2

6:30 p.m. Midweek Meal @ Prairie

Sunday, August 6

10:00 a.m. "Beyond Words" led by Mary Mullen: a hands-on service to help see "more than a thousand words" in pictures.
11:45 a.m. Book Club lunch and discussion of "The Desert Queen".

Sunday, August 13

10:00 a.m. "Summer Reads" led by Rose Smith: your chance to share good fiction and nonfiction you have recently read.

Sunday, August 20

10:00 a.m. "Making Memorials Meaningful"; a panel of Prairie people on serving the living when holding memorial services

Sunday, August 27

10:00 a.m. "Water Communion" led by Barbara Chatterton. Bring water from places you have visited over the summer for this traditional Unitarian service.

How Can I Keep From Reading?

My life flows on in endless words above earth's lamentation
I hear the real but far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
Thru all the tumult & the strife I see those words I'm needing.
They sound an echo in my soul, how can I keep from reading?

What tho' the tempest loudly roars I know the truth it liveth,
What tho' the darkness round me close, words in the night it giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while on that truth I'm feeding,
Since books have given me such joy, how can I keep from reading?

When tyrants tremble sick w/fear & see their death wounds bleeding
When friends rejoice both far & near, how can I keep from reading?
In prison cell & dungeon vile our thoughts to them are speeding
When friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from reading?

I lift my eyes, the cloud grows thin, I see the blue above it,
And day by day this pathway clears since I first learned to love it.
The peace of words restores my soul, a signpost ever leading,
All things are mine since I love books, how can I keep from reading?